GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2857
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2003
TAXI TRACK AT MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

to the reply given to USQ No.191 dated July 21.2003 and state:

(a) whether the construction of Taxi Track at Mumbai Airport has been delayed for more than 12 months;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in the rehabilitation work of slum dwellers near taxi track at Jarimari area;

(c) the details about the joint proposal of Airports Authority, Mumbai SPPL and Maharashtra Government in this regard;

(d) whether the legal slum dwellers as on January 1, 1995 have been rehabilitated;

(e) if so, the reasons for not taking legal action against the slum mafia who are creating hurdles;

(f) the details about MoU between Government of Maharashtra, SSPL and Airports Authority; and

(g) the efforts being made to expedite the work on runway?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a), (b) & (c) :- The work could not be started because of the encroachment and non-removal of ineligible encroachers by Shivsahi Punarvasan Prakalp Limited (SPPL), the agency responsible for rehabilitation / removal as per the tripartite agreement amongst Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA), SPPL and Airports Authority of India (AAI) enteredinto in February 2001 for removal of approximately 2500 encroachers from Rafig Nagar (Zari Mari), Mumbai.

(d) :- Yes, Sir.

(e) :- 125 ineligible hutment dwellers are yet to be removed by the State Government as some of these encroachers have obtained stay from the Court and the next date of hearing is fixed for 17.1.2004.

(f) :- Due to operational necessity for extension of B-3 Taxi Track which would result in augmenting the runway capacity of main runway at Mumbai, encroachments (approx. 2,500) were required to be removed from Zari Mari Area. Forthis purpose AAIentered into a tripartite agreement with SPPL, a fully owned company of Government of Maharashtra andSRA,Government of Maharashtra in February, 2001. As per agreement, AAIwas to pay Rs.1.20 lakhs per tenement eligible for rehabilitation as per Government of Maharashtra policy and others who were not eligible were to be removed by SPPL.Besides the above, Rs.5,000/- per hutment for survey and community development was payable both by AAI and SPPLin the ratio of 50:50. Approximately 1857 hutment dwellers have been rehabilitated / shifted.

(g) :- As soon as area cleared off the encroachment, is made available, construction work wil be commenced by AAI at site.